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Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pull tab for extracting a connector from a mating electrical device, the connector comprising a mating portion and a retaining portion extending from the mating portion, the pull tab comprising:

an engaging portion having a top section and a bottom section, the bottom section having an engaging hole adapted for receiving the mating portion of the connector; and

a handling portion extending from the top section and being adapted for receiving an extracting force for extracting the connector from the mating electrical device;

wherein the top section comprises a first plate and a second plate overlapped with the first plate;

wherein the first plate has an opening, the handling portion extends from the second plate and passes through the opening.

Claims 2-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The pull tab as described in claim 1, wherein the overlapped region of the first plate and the second plate lies over the mating portion of the connector, and the first plate and second plate are adhered together for preventing them from separating.

Claim 5 (original): The pull tab as described in claim 4, wherein the engaging portion has a rectangular shape.

Claim 6 (original): The pull tab as described in claim 1, wherein the

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pull tab is made of a resilient dielectric material.

Claim 7 (original): An electrical connector assembly comprising:

an electrical connector comprising a mating portion and a retaining portion extending from the mating portion; and

a pull tab for extracting the electrical from a mating electrical device which mates with the electrical connector, comprising:

an engaging portion having a top section and a bottom section, the bottom section having an engaging hole adapted for receiving the mating portion of the connector; and

a handling portion extending from the top section and being adapted for receiving an extracting force for extracting the electrical connector from the mating electrical device;

wherein the top section comprises a first plate and a second plate overlapped with the first plate;

wherein the first plate has an opening, the handling portion extends from the second plate and passes through the opening.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): The electrical connector assembly as described in claim 7, wherein the overlapped region of the first plate and the second plate lies over the mating portion of the connector, and the first plate and second plate are adhered together for preventing them from separating.

Claim 11 (original): The electrical connector assembly as described in claim 10, wherein the engaging portion has a rectangular shape.

Claim 12 (original): The electrical connector assembly as described in claim 7, wherein the pull tab is made of a resilient dielectric material.

Claim 13 (currently amended): An electrical connector assembly

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comprising:

an electrical connector comprising a vertically extending lower mating portion and a horizontally extending upper retaining portion; and

a pull tab including an engaging portion defining a cavity which is configured to compliantly receive the retaining portion therein with the mating portion downwardly extending therefrom; [[and]]

a handle portion extending from an upper portion of the engaging portion with a root section being located right above the mating portion; and

a cable connected to the upper retaining portion; wherein
movement of the handle portion is irrelative to the cable.

Claim 14 (original): The electrical connector assemble as described in claim 13, wherein said cavity horizontally communicates with an exterior in a direction along which a cable extends from the retaining portion.

Claim 15 (original): The electrical connector assembly as described in claim 14, wherein the engaging portion includes a bottom wall through which the mating portion extends downwardly, and an opposite top wall from which the handle portion extends.

Claim 16 (original): The electrical connector assembly as described in claim 15, wherein said top wall includes stacked upper and lower layers, and the handle portion extends from the lower layer and through an opening of the upper layer generally along said direction.